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ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF MURDERED SUBJECT:

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THE HEAD OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE, ALBERTO VOILLAR, HIS WIFE, AND BODYGUARDS WERE MURDERED TODAY ABOARD A YAMGHT BAT A MARINA THE BOMB EXPLOSION THAT KILLED THEM WAS JUST OUTSIDE BUENOS AIRES. PRESUMABLY THE WORK OF LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO CONSIDERED HID & PRIME TARGET.

VILLAR WAS A PROTEGE OF INFLUENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER LOPEZ REGA--THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF ALL LEFT-WING GUERRILLAS. WAS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE A KEY FIGURE IN THE ACTIVATION OF RIGHT-WING DEATH SQADS OPERATING UNDER QUASI-OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP. BROUGHT HIM OUT OF RETIREMENT TO LEAD THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS, B BUT HE HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS IN BOLSTERING POLICE EFFECTIVENESS. VILLAR'S DEATH WILL PROBABLY DEAL A FURTHER BLOW

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THE VILLAR ASSASSINATION SEEMS CERTAIN TO SET OFF MORE DRAMMSTIC THE GOVERNMENT MAY DECIDE COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM. TO IMPLEMENT SOME SORT OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTINGENCY PLANS REPORTEDLY DRAWN UP RECENTLY. WEAKENING OF THE FEDERAL POLICE MAY ALSO SPUR THE MILITARY TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN COMBATTING ARGENTINA'S UBIQUITOUS TERRORISTS.

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